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### **REFERENCE: FOI11\8**

Dear Mr Pogatchnik

I am writing to you about your request for information dated 27 January 2011 in which you requested information relating to arrests and convictions for terrorism related offences.

Based on the information held, it is possible to provide the following in relation to each of the points in your request:

**1. Any documents, memos, reports or other records that would show how many people have been arrested and how many convicted each year for the past ten years under Northern Ireland's anti-terrorism laws.**

Below is a link to the Research and Statistical bulletin 'Northern Ireland Terrorism Legislation: Annual Statistics 2009/10' which contains statistics on arrests and detentions under anti-terrorism legislation from 2001.



Conviction data for 2006 is the latest year for which figures are currently available therefore the number convicted under anti-terrorism legislation will cover the period 1997-2006. Figures broken down by type of offence are documented in Table 1 (please see attached spreadsheet).

It should be noted that detention data and offences for which persons were charged as shown in the bulletin should not be compared with conviction information as the former details the offence for which an individual was initially charged and may differ from that for which an offender was found guilty.

[http://www.nio.gov.uk/northern\\_ireland\\_terrorism\\_legislation\\_annual\\_statistics\\_2009-2010.pdf](http://www.nio.gov.uk/northern_ireland_terrorism_legislation_annual_statistics_2009-2010.pdf)

**2. Any documents, memos, reports or other records that would show how many people have been detained without arrest each year for the past ten years for ties to terrorism.**

The Department does not hold this information.

**3. Any documents, memos, reports or other records that would show the current status of people convicted and the categories of crime under which they have been convicted (including but not limited to money laundering, environmental terrorism, unlawful protest) under anti-terrorism laws during the past ten years.**

Conviction figures are given in Table 1 (as per point 1 above). The Department does not hold information on the current status of those convicted.

**4. Any documents, memos, reports or other records that would show the nationality of those arrested and convicted.**

The Department does not hold information on the nationality of those arrested. The nationality of those convicted is only available from 2000 onwards; figures are given in Table 2 of the attached spreadsheet.



**5. Any documents, memos, reports or other records that would show the names, dates and circumstances for people arrested under Northern Ireland's anti-terrorism laws each year for the past ten years.**

The Department does not hold this information.

**6. Any audits, surveys or studies of Northern Ireland's anti-terrorism laws published in the last ten years.**

Counter-terrorism legislation throughout the UK is reviewed annually and a report is provided to Parliament. The sixth such report, the last by Lord Carlile of Berriew QC, was published on 3 February this year. Lord Carlile is succeeded in the role by David Anderson QC. Northern Ireland was included in the review of counter-terrorism and security powers, the results of which were published on 26 January this year. These reports are available on the Home Office website.

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Manager**

